

**II. Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraphs [0027], [0030], and [0034], with the following amended paragraphs:

**[0027]** The ring 10 is dimensioned to receive the cord 5 there through and is in slideable, low friction engagement with the portion of the cord 5 between fixing point 3 and lower pulley 11. The position of the fixing point 3, pulley 11, anchoring point 7, ring 10 and pulley 8 is such that initially the cord 5 lies substantially in a single plane, perpendicular to the roof of the motor vehicle (not shown).

**[0030]** Referring now to Figure 2, upon deployment of the inflatable curtain 1, the lower edge 4 of the inflatable curtain 1 moves downwardly, as indicated by the arrow, with the force of the inflating curtain being sufficient to detach the clip 12, and hence cord 5, from the door frame of the motor vehicle. As the lower edge of the inflatable curtain 1 moves in a downward direction, the fixing point 3 is likewise moved in a downward direction causing the first portion of the cord 5 between fixing point 3 and ring 10 to be pulled over pulley 8 and consequently displacing the ring 10 upwardly as indicated by the arrow in Figure 2. Upon this upward displacement of the ring 10, the length of the second portion of cord 5 between the cord 5 and the ring 10 is increased. The resultant effect is that the second portion of cord 5 is pulled past the second lower pulley 11 at almost twice the rate that the ring 10 rises.

**[0034]** It is to be understood that the precise form of the fixing point 3 may be varied, provided it ensures secure connection of the cord 5 to the inflatable curtain as required. For example, the fixing point 3 may be in the form of a fabric loop which is ~~sewn~~ sewn into the inflatable curtain and which is dimensioned to receive the cord in a friction-fit fashion. The cord may also be provided with stops on either side of

the fabric loop, which are dimensioned so that they cannot pass through the loop, to prevent movement of the cord through the loop relative to the inflatable curtain. In another contemplated embodiment, fixing point 3 may be in the form of an elastic connection which provides an elastic connection between the cord 5 and inflatable curtain 1. In the case where two separate cords are used, one cord may be elastically connected to the inflatable curtain or both cords may be elastically connected to the inflatable curtain.